(e) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Opening of Post Offices in Pitampura and Vikaspuri

1468. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of representations since the last ten years to open a Post Office in West Enclave, Pitampura and in Vikaspuri to cater to the needs of more than twenty Central Government Housing Societies of the area;

(b) the action taken in the matter; and

(c) the action proposed to provide Post Office facilities to the people of these areas who are facing great difficulties to save in R.Ds. and saving accounts etc., in absence of Post Office within a kilometre area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for opening a Post Office in West Enclave, Pitampura was approved on 31.10.96 but the Post Office could not be opened due to non-availability of suitable accommodation in the area, in spite of personal contacts with the Residents, Welfare Association, property dealers and floating of tenders by the department.

A double handed Sub Post Office is already functioning in Vikaspuri since 1.9.1980. Delivery is being effected by Tilak Nagar and Janakpuri Post Offices. Another single handed Sub Post Office was approved and opened with effect from 30.3.2000. It was physically made functional at AG-I Block Vikaspuri in the premises of Vikaspuri Post Office building as a temporary measure with the intention to shift it to its proper location, as suitable accommodation for housing this Post Office could not be obtained

in spite of repeated efforts, by floating tenders. Subsequently, review of the Post Office was carried out, and it was found to be running at a heavy loss from its existing location. Since no suitable accommodation was available in AG Block I Vikaspuri, the Post Office was merged with Vikaspuri Post Office with effect from 1.6.2003.

(c) Presently, people residing in West Enclave, Pitampura area are availing Savings Bank facilities from Rohini Sector-VII Post Office and Mangolpuri 'N' Block Post Office which are located at a distances of 3 kilometres each and Maurya Enclave Post Office and Shakur Basti R.S. Post Office, which are located at 4 kilometres each, from West Enclave, Pitampura.

The requirements of AG-I Block, Vikaspuri are being catered to from the double handed sub Post Office already functioning 3 kilometres away at Vikaspuri.

Revenue Share Mechanism

1469. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any assessment regarding the possible reasons for default in payment at prescribed rates;

(b) whether the differences in ADC for National and International call is the major reasons for this; and

(c) if so, after having settled past issues, whether TRAI and Government would be opting for a revenue share mechanism to eliminate possibility of under invoicing and under payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The key reasons for default in payment at prescribed rates can broadly be categorized as follows:

(i) Issues of reconciliation;

(ii) Mismanagement and improper functioning by a licensee company.

(b) and (c) This matter is presently being addressed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India which has issued a Consultation Paper seeking comments of the stakeholders on this issue. No final view has been formed in this regard.